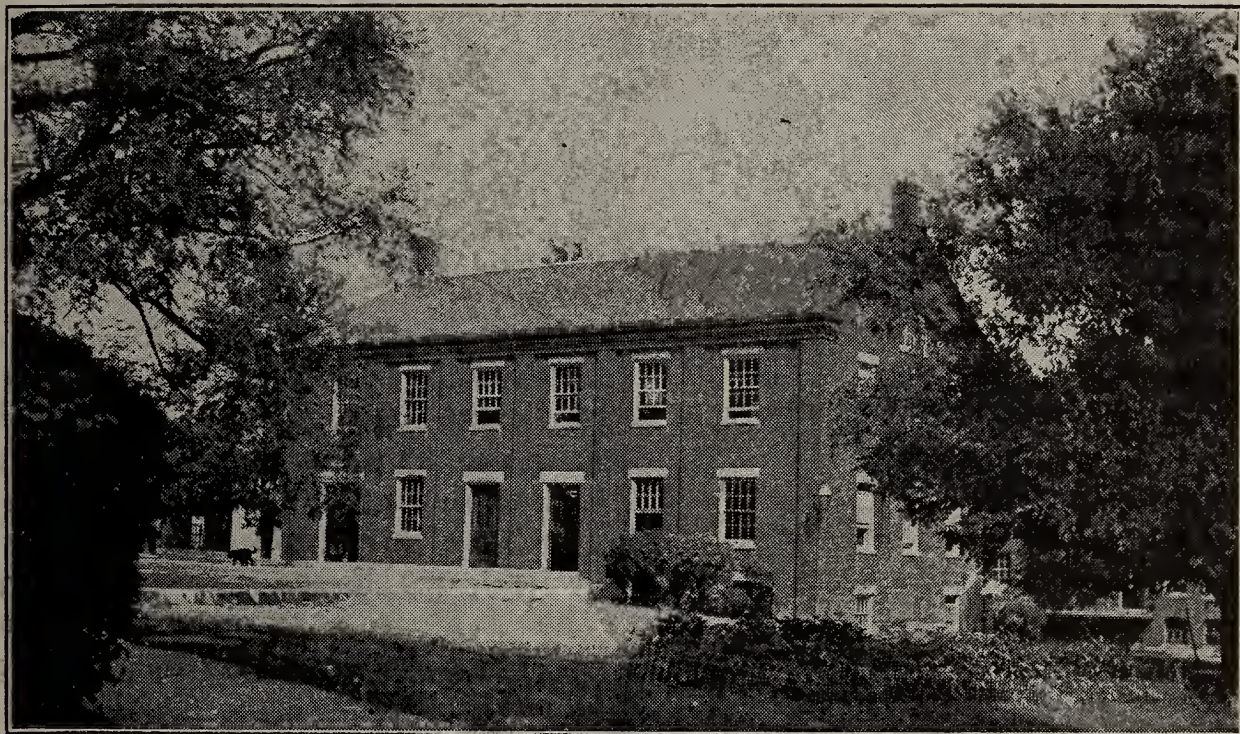




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Gardner Hall

All of the space in Gardner Hall is utilized to the utmost, and has been since its construction in 1881. It is the second oldest brick structure at the School and in early days housed the sloyd shop when this course was added to the curriculum.

Today the basement is used for the paint shop, lumber and other storage. The laundry occupies more than half the first floor while the printing office uses the balance.

The entire top floor is used as a gymnasium and is a very busy place, especially during the winter months, when the schedules of our various basketball leagues are in progress.

With the exception of the dining room in Bowditch House, the gymnasium is the largest hall at the School. It is here that many parties are held in all seasons of the year.



### An Unusual Incident

On Saturday Nov. 8 our parents and friends came to the school to watch a football game. It was quite windy when they arrived and by the time it came to leave it was too windy for the boat to make the return trips. So our visitors waited for the weather to improve.

First, all of the visitors were served supper and our dining room was filled twice with our friends. Then it was filled again with the boys and instructors. Everything went along very smoothly. We used paper plates and cups. Everyone had a good meal.

After supper our parents made themselves at home in the dormitories. Some stayed in the boys' rooms, while others were in the sitting and recreation rooms singing and dancing. All of us had a lot of fun.

About nine o'clock the boat took some to a wharf in Boston. When it returned the people began leaving for City Point for the wind had stopped blowing so hard.

All the boys were up late that night and it was exciting event. We all had a good time enjoying this unusual incident.

Donald W. Heslinga

### Working in the Dining Room

I am one of the boys who work in the dining room after breakfast each morning. The work here is divided in two departments almost, for one group cleans the dining room while another has jobs in the serving room. Each week we change jobs.

When we are in the serving room we wash dishes, rack them for the sterilizer and dry them. The dining room work consists of clearing off the tables and then getting them cleaned and set up for the following meal.

Eldon J. Lundin

### A Reprint

We print below an article which appeared in the BOSTON POST on October 30. It was written by Mr. J. W. Mooney, veteran sportswriter for that paper.

Down in Boston Harbor, on Thompson's Island, where the east wind blows a gale at times, there is one of the most football-minded schools in the whole Greater Boston area. This is the Farm and Trades School and its football team is to date undefeated in five games and naturally has a high berth in the ratings.

This is quite remarkable when it is considered that there are only eighty boys at the school and all somewhat segregated from the whirl of the school and college football world, away from the neighborhood gatherings where the youths swap grid stories and make comparisons of teams and players which are all a stimulant to the game.

But each student at The Farm and Trades School, admission to which is by application only, from the youngest sixth grader to the oldest junior becomes football minded just the same because he is a member of an organized team which plays at least one league game every week. The varsity is made up of twenty boys, and the other sixty play in a four team league.

Coach Raymond Thomas, because his team lacks weight, must rely on exceptional blocking, tackling and deception. These have paid off. Captain Steve Zevitas, left half, is the outstanding back with Harold Lowery, right half, a close runner-up, while Jack Higgins at quarter is the crafty sort and Dick McPhee the yardage winner in the clutches.

In the line Paul Horton at center is earning a name as a fine backer-up, while Burleigh Pratt at end has been a standout, shading Bob Hatch at the other flank. Ralph Gale and Jim Angelos at tackles and Bill Warfield and Howie Jennison at

guards have all been doing their part well to keep the slate clean.

The leading substitutes are Bob Dav-enport, Walter Roberts, Vaughn Best, Jim Ward, Bob Lucien, Bob Fawcett, Ramsey Porter, Ken Duquet and Ernie Parsons.

Through the thoughtfulness of Mr. S. V. R. Crosby, a Harvard graduate, a trophy has been awarded annually for years for the best team of the four in the intra-mural league, and the winning captain receives a silver shield upon which are engraved the names of the players on his team. This shield remains in the trophy room at the school. The intra-mural league is valuable to Coach Thomas for it builds boys for the varsity.

This all helps to make the boys at the Farm and Trades School football minded, and the beaten opponents are rooting hard for the Thompson's Island club to make a clean sweep for the season.

ED NOTE: Thank you, Mr. Moon-ey for this fine article. It may well be recorded that a "clean sweep" was what the boys did, winning all seven of their games for the 1947 season.

### Printing and Freedom

Printing is a wonderful thing, As you may have read, John Gutenberg is considered to be the first man to print from movable type about five hundred years ago. Here at the school I have a printing lesson daily and I have learned a lot about printing and think that it is a grand job.

Consider the patriotic side of printing. We have freedom of the press and—but wait, do you think this came easily and naturally? It did not. It started something like this: John Zenger, the editor of a paper printed articles which the governor in office did not like, nor did other office holders. Mr. Zenger was taken to court and a bitter court battle followed. John

Zenger won his case and with it the birth of freedom for the press of the nation.

Wayne W. Henry

### Dormitory Work

Dormitory work is a lot of fun. In the morning after we are dismissed from room inspection we report to our instructor for equipment. Our job is to sweep and clean the corridors, bathrooms and stairways every day. When this work is done there are extra cleaning jobs to do. I work on this job with Henry Tangen.

James P. Hebert

### The Birthday Table

Every month Mr. and Mrs. Meacham invite those who have birthdays during the month to a birthday table. Sometimes it is a big, long table and sometimes there aren't many with birthdays that month so it is a smaller table. It was my birthday table this month. We had a roast beef dinner and a big birthday cake with ice cream. It was delicious.

David P. Tangen

### Dormitory Work

Every day I have the job of helping in the dormitory. There is a lot of work to do besides just general cleaning. Just lately we have cleaned, waxed and buffed floors and got the large sitting room in Bowditch House all cleaned up. The time goes by very quickly when we have such extra work to do.

Donald E. Richardson

—Modern methods to control insects was the subject of a moving picture in color which was shown recently by a representative of Swift & Co. This very interesting film was explained and questions answered. All of us had a pleasant and instructive evening.



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This is the month of the annual alumni elections and we watch with deep interest the promotion of one after another of our long line of able graduates to positions of responsibility in the Alumni Association and to the Board of Trustees of the School.

The real problem is not in finding outstanding alumni for these positions but rather in deciding which of the many, many leaders should be touched on the shoulder and told, "You are it."

Hardly a business or profession but what includes one or more leaders of our graduates. If in the BEACON we featured one alumnus each month it would take at least ten years to sketch the leaders. Then there would be several times that number who are good, able citizens carrying much more than the average load in industry, civic and church affairs.

We are, indeed, much too modest about our alumni. A few have become nationally, and even internationally famous, and we are prone to talk about that little group. Then as we think of the hundreds who are leaders in their communities, and many state-wide, we just do not know where to stop in our recognition of leaders who developed as boys here.

The other day this writer scanned through the list of alumni of The Farm and Trades School with the thought of selecting the few most outstanding alumni for short BEACON articles. A list was jotted down of these leaders and the number was amazing. No less than ninety-eight men were in that list and we know there are others who should be added.

We have said before, and it bears repeating, forty-five per cent of the men in the armed services of the United States in the last war were rated, that is, commissioned and non-commissioned officers. Those officers included, of course, West Pointers, Annapolis men, professional

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soldiers and sailors, college graduates and men who were commissioned for various special jobs. Over two hundred of our boys were in service and sixty-two percent of these men were rated, including a number in high ranking positions. As sixty is a third higher than forty-five so we believe our graduates rate that much higher than the average the country over.

### Topics in Brief

We enjoyed an extremely happy evening on October 28 when Malcolm E. Cameron. '19 came to us with his excellent magic entertainment. Mr. Cameron has earned for himself an enviable reputation as an entertainer of the first magnitude and we who see his work year after year can easily realize his popularity in the entertainment field.

It was our pleasure to have as guests of Mr. Cameron two additional entertainers, George M. Collins, former Olympic soccer coach and at present sportswriter for the Boston Globe, entertained with Scotch songs in his own inimitable style and his songs and stories were much enjoyed. George Pierce, an Everett high school student and protege of Mr. Cameron's exhibited an excellent series of magic stunts in costume.

Truly it was a night of fun and pleasure and one which we shall long remember.

During the month of October the football team has played a game each Saturday. The games were all played at the school and all were won by our boys, although by close scores. We enjoy having our opponents as guests and we look forward to return games on their gridirons next year. The excellent football by our boys resulted in many fine comments by

radio sport reporters and a continual stream of newspaper articles.

October 17 was a red-letter day for a large group of our boys for on that day they attended the Hamid Morton circus at Boston Garden and enjoyed the first rate performance of the famed entertainers. Arrangements for the boys to attend was made by Messrs. Arthur W. Fitt and Frank L. Warren, both members of the Masonic order which sponsored the Boston appearance of this circus.

The circus was surely much enjoyed by our boys.

Our intra-mural football league has nearly completed its schedule of games and it has been surely a season of great interest. Neither of the four teams was able to win decisively over the others and most games ended in close scores. The 1947 champion is the Notre Dame team captained by Malcolm C. Wiley. Runner-up honors go to the Navy team, Wayne D. Sutor, captain.

The farm boys have been hard at work harvesting our root crops and the yield this year has been very good. Some of the potatoes weighed two pounds or more each and made good subjects for the school photographers.

The weekly football games on Saturday have given reason for many of our graduates and friends to visit the school and it has been a treat to meet once again so many of our friends.

Quite a number of our former students who have been in the armed forces and are just beginning to get settled in civilian life are returning to visit us. We find that many are making their homes in distant states, a natural aftermath of wartime experiences.



Time brings all things, and this week the location of the sewing room has been changed. It is now located in what was for years used as an instructors' dining room in the main building. What was formerly the sewing room, and the room adjoining are being remodelled to make an apartment, which will be an excellent addition to our instructors' living quarters. This job is nearly completed.

### Athletic Field Location

We who are in touch with the school sometimes continuously fail to realize that landscape jobs do change the appearance of our island campus. For instance, we have a photo of our athletic field made up in post-card style, and it has been widely distributed to our former students. Some, who live in distant states, have difficulty in placing the exact location of the field. The playground begins at the flagpole, the location of which has not changed, and extends almost to the north end bank. It includes the old playground, the cottage row area and the field which formerly was in back of the cottages. The comments which we hear concerning the new athletic field are indeed heart-warming. We are mighty proud of the job, which has been called by the public press a "monument to the youth of America."

### Today's Dinner

Here at our School we certainly have good meals. I like all the food served but today's dinner was best of all I think. We had steak, oven-brown potatoes, carrots, peas, bread and butter and milk. For dessert we had vanilla cake with lemon sauce.

All the boys and instructors eat together at one time in the dining room which is located in Bowditch House. It takes about a half hour for each meal.

George F. Taylor

### Farm Work

One of the best jobs here is working on the farm. This is because the work is different almost every day and most always we are outdoors. A job I did lately and which I liked was bagging potatoes and taking them to the root cellar where they are kept until needed at the kitchen. Right now the root cellar is pretty well filled with different vegetables.

Nathaniel W. Eaton

### The Band

I am learning to play alto in the band and each night after supper we have a rehearsal. On Friday night or Saturday mornings our bandmaster comes from Boston to rehearse the band. We are now learning to play the "Valeria" overture and other pieces. My brother also plays in the band. He plays drums.

Richard F. Hebert

### Our Ball Team

Wayne Suitor is the captain of our football team and we have now lost three straight after it looked as though none of the teams was going to beat us. The name of the team is "Navy" and we hope to finish the season by winning again. Besides Suitor, Samuel Whiting is our best player. He most always gets a touch-down on good runs.

Dexter E. Tufts

### Doing Farm Work

I came to this School last September and lately I have been working on the farm. Each afternoon I usually go to the poultry house and do the chores there. When I get the work done my instructor lets me go in the truck to the wharf where we get freight and take it to the main building.

Joseph B. Mason

### Additional Alumni Notes

William James Hayward '74 recently inquired about a record of his birth date and place. The record, very carefully preserved in the School vault shows that Mr. Hayward was born in Melrose June 2, 1860. He was enrolled here from 1871-74. He lives in Medfield.

WILL FRANK DAVIS, '79 sends his greetings to the victorious F. T. S. football team from his home at 16 Clubway, Hartsdale, N. Y. Although retired from the active business world, Mr. Davis keeps a keen sight on conditions today. For years he has been a valuable member of various Alumni Association committees and has been especially active in the administration of the Richard Bell Fund.

Some of the good things which our association does are not publicized to any extent. For instance, before this year draws to a close, our members individually and as a group, will have contributed about \$200.00 to the furtherance of the athletic program at the School. We may all well be proud of the "good turns" done by the alumni.

GEORGE H. BRUCE, '45, is enjoying his first semester as a freshman at the University of New Hampshire. He finished his high school work last June at Hollis High School, N. H. Although a little younger than most college freshmen, he has found little difficulty in adjusting himself to the work of the University.

REV. THEODORE B. HADLEY, '21, writes that he had the great pleasure of having WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84 speak at his church in Somersworth, N. H. recently. Following the service these graduates had dinner at the home of a parishioner and greatly enjoyed chatting about things

in general and F. T. S. in particular. We can well realize that each enjoyed this get-together.

The Rev. Mr. Hadley, or to his F. T. S. schoolmates just "Ted", has a lifetime reputation for being extremely busy and energetic. A full schedule and his distance from Boston don't permit him to come to our alumni gatherings, yet he is one of our most faithful correspondents and ever-willing to aid in any alumni project. His last visit to the School was in 1933 when he gave the Invocation at our centennial exercises.

### The Paint Shop

We have a lot of departments at the School. Although I don't work there regularly I go to the paint shop to watch the boys in the shop do their work. Now they are repairing window sashes for the storage barn. Lately they have finished painting the main barn. It looks very well with its coat of new white paint.

Donald R. Morrell

### Dairy Room Work

Milk is one of the most important foods and at our school we use a lot of it. Another boy and I work in the dairy each day getting the milk ready for use. This is a job which has to be done very carefully.

The milk is brought to the dairy room by the milkers and put into a strainer. After being strained it is put into the pasteurizer. After being pasteurized some is put into the separator where it is separated into cream and skim milk. The cream is delivered to the kitchen and the skim milk fed to the young stock.

Except for that which is used in the separator all the milk is taken to the kitchen to be used on the tables.

Richard L. Dyer



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### The Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held at the Boston City Club on Wednesday evening November 12. This was combined with the annual banquet of the Association.

A pleasant get-together was enjoyed previous to the serving of the chicken dinner. The attendance was good considering the weather, which undoubtedly kept a number from being present.

It had been the intention of the Association to have the football team from the School as guests but the boys as well as President Raymond Thomas and Secretary Clifton E. Albee were forced by weather conditions to remain at the School. The opinion was that a banquet should be held for the team and subsequently the executive committee made plans to this end.

The business meeting was called to order following the dinner with Vice President Frank W. Wallace presiding. Merton P. Ellis was elected secretary pro tem.

The usual excellent reports were given by the treasurer, Harold W. Edwards, '10 and showed the financial condition of the Association to be somewhat improved over past years. The reports of the Alumni Fund, Richard Bell Fund and the General Fund were voted as accepted.

Ivers E. Winmill, '23 gave the report of the Nominating Committee and on vote the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the nominees who were declared duly elected. During the dinner he did a great job as toastmaster and kept things proceeding at a good pace.

George G. Noren, '02 was chosen by the Association to be its representative on the Board of Trustees of the school.

It was voted that \$41.00, the surplus from the Field Day, be given to the School for use in purchasing equipment for the football team.

We were favored by having as guests Augustus P. Loring, president of the Board of Trustees and Mrs. Loring; Mr. Thomas Temple Pond of the Board of Trustees and Mr. William M. Meacham, Headmaster of the School. We thank these three for their presence and appreciate the talks given by each.

After adjournment at 8:10 P.M. a social hour was enjoyed.

Congratulations are due those who were in charge of the details of the party. It was a distinct success.

HOWARD M. COLPITTS, '39, is now married and his home address is 26 Paul Revere Road, Arlington Heights, Mass. Congratulations and best wishes!

FRANCIS H. DANIEL, '40, is now living at 166 West Newton St., Boston. He was in the Navy two years and received his discharge last February 6 as a radar and radio repairman. He plans to attend Northeastern University next September and is preparing towards that end.

ALLEN B. SCOTT, '30, writes from Washington, D. C. where he has lived for some years. His address is 76 Randolph Place N. W., that city, and he would be glad to hear from his F. T. S. schoolmates. He is married and has a son going on age seven.